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VICTORY FOR DJOKOVIC BUT ISSUE YET TO BE RESOLVED

World No 1 wins legal battle to stay in Australia. However, country's immigration minister could still deport him

NOVAK POTENTIALLY ABLE TO PLAY AT OZ OPEN

In an emergency court hearing on Monday, the judge made the ruling in favour of Djokovic — who was in detention since his arrival on January 6 — on Covid-19 health grounds, potentially clearing the way for him to take part in the Australian Open. The Serbian player's lawyers argued that since he recently recovered from Covid-19, he didn't need to be inoculated

BIGGEST VICTORY IN HIS CAREER: MOTHER

- Djokovic's mother Dijana (left) was elated. After the court's verdict, she said: "This is the biggest victory in his career, bigger than all his grand slams."
- In a Twitter post after the court verdict, Djokovic said that he's eager to take part in the Australian Open | P15

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NO OF OZ OPEN TITLES DJOKOVIC HAS POCKETED, MOST IN MEN'S SINGLES

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Deploy medical students for Covid care: Centre

ICMR advisory says asymptomatic individuals and contacts of patients, unless identified as high risk, needn't be tested

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @ New Delhi

THOUGH the current rate of hospitalisation of Covid patients is just 5-10% as against 20-23% during the second wave, the Centre on Monday urged states to augment human resources by engaging retired medical professionals or MBBS students as was done last year.

They can be used for teleconsultation as well as providing training to community volunteers in basic care and management at Covid Care Centres, Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan said in a letter to all states. BSc nursing students of third and fourth year, too, can be deployed, he suggested.

Later in the day, the Indian Council of Medical Research issued an advisory saying asymptomatic individuals and contacts of Covid-positive patients, unless identified as high risk based on age or comorbidities, should not be tested for the infection. While the advisory is aimed at conserving resources, it also means that the count of frech cases could significantly go under the radar.

Bhushan's letter acknowledged that various states have initiated steps for setting up jumbo health facilities, including field hospitals and temporary hospitals. But both infrastructure and human resources have their limitations, he said.

Therefore, it is important to conserve healthcare workers by staggering their deployment wherever possible and by restricting elective procedures in the hospitals, he said.

As for the private sector, he said: "It must also be ensured that charges... are reasonable and there is a mechanism to monitor and initiate action in cases of over-charging." P9

If infected, wait 90 days

Doctors and virologists in Karnataka are asking healthcare workers and the elderly population getting their booster shots, to wait for a minimum of 90 days if they have had a recent breakthrough infection, otherwise the vaccine won't help much | P3

NATIONWIDE	JAN 9	JAN 10
Freshcases	1,59,632	1,79,723
Recoveries	40,863	46,569
Deaths	327	146
KARNATAKA	JAN 9	JAN 10
Freshcases	12,000	11,698
Recoveries	901	1,148
Deaths	4	4

TAKE YOUR SHOT
January 9: 29,00,975 doses
January 10: 82,70,158 doses
TOTAL DOSES 1,52,79,35,951

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar at the launch of the booster dose drive for frontline workers and the elderly in Bengaluru on Monday | EXPRESS

K'taka at No. 4 in booster dose coverage on Day 1

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TWO healthcare workers, two frontline workers and two people aged above 60 years, were the first to get the Covid-19 'precautionary' booster dose on Monday during the inauguration of the drive at the Atal Bihari Vajpayee Medical College and Research Centre, launched by CM Basavaraj Bommai.

As of 8.30 pm, Karnataka had administered 81,728 booster doses, standing fourth in the country after Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh and Rajasthan. The BBMP topped the list in all three beneficiary categories with 5,281 healthcare workers, 2,463 frontline worker and 3,931 persons aged over 60 being administered the dose on day one. P2

CM, 3 state MPs test +ve for Covid-19...

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CHIEF Minister Basavaraj Bommai and a few other state leaders tested positive for Covid-19 on Monday. "I have tested positive for Covid-19 today with mild symptoms. My health is fine, I am under home quarantine," the CM posted on Twitter. "I request everyone who has recently come in my contact to isolate themselves and get tested," he noted.

Sources in the Chief Minister's Office (CMO) said that on Monday morning, a Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) showed Bommai as negative, after which he went ahead with his programmes. However, the RT-PCR report came back positive in the evening. Except for mild cough, the CM is reportedly doing fine and has isolated himself at his RT Nagar residence in Bengaluru. Bommai had tested positive for Covid-19 in September 2020.

On Monday, the CM attended a programme to launch the precautionary booster dose vaccination, held a meeting with ministers and top bureaucrats to discuss measures to tone up the administration, met a delegation of former vice-chancellors of universities and visited Prof Chandrashekar Patil's residence in the city to pay tributes to the departed poet, writer and critic. Sources said after the surge in cases and Revenue Minister R Ashoka and Chief Secretary Ravi Kumar testing positive a few days ago, the CMO has been taking all precautions to ensure that only a minimum number of people attended the CM's meetings. Tests are also being conducted regularly at the CMO.

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...but DKS refuses test, booked for violations

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WITH the Opposition Congress pushing ahead with its padayatra over the Mekedatu issue, the local administration on Monday filed an FIR against as many as 31 party leaders, including KPCC president D K Shivakumar, Congress legislature party leader Siddaramaiah and leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha, Mallikarjuna Kharge, for violating Covid norms.

In more trouble, the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) has asked Karnataka DG&IGP Praveen Sood to initiate necessary action and inquiry against Shivakumar for failing to follow Covid-appropriate behaviour when he met some schoolchildren during the padayatra. The state police chief has been asked to submit an action-taken report within seven days.

The Congress kicked off the Mekedatu padayatra from Sangama in Kanakapura taluk of Ramanagara district. Shivakumar continued to dare the authorities, sarcastically remarking that he will furnish more videos of the party's rank and file taking part in the big-ticket event which has witnessed over 7,000 people in attendance. The padayatra, under his leadership, continued with much fanfare on Monday and thousands of participants heading towards Kanakapura from Shivakumar's hometown Dodda Alanahalli village. P4

KPCC president DK Shivakumar and Congress workers on Day 2 of their 10-day padayatra on Monday

EXPRESS READ

NCW asks Twitter to suspend Siddharth's account

NEW DELHI: The National Commission for Women has asked Twitter to block the account of actor Siddharth for his tweet against badminton star Saina Nehwal and also wrote to Maharashtra Police seeking registration of an FIR against him. A tweet by Siddharth commenting on Nehwal's remark over the alleged lapse in the security of PM Narendra Modi during his Punjab visit had netizens fuming. P5

SC panel to investigate PM's security breach

KANU SARDA @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Monday said it would set up a high-level committee headed by a retired SC judge to probe the security lapse during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Punjab last week. A three-judge bench headed by Chief Justice N V Ramana also ordered the inquiry committees of the Centre and the Punjab government to stop their investigations into the January 5 security lapse. "We are taking the PM's security breach very seriously," the bench remarked, while hearing the plea of 'Lawyers Voice' seeking a thorough investigation into the breach in Modi's security in Punjab to ensure there is no such incident in the future.

While a detailed order is yet to be passed, the bench said it proposes to include the Director General of Police in Chandigarh, the ADGP (security) in Punjab, an Inspector General of the National Investigation Agency and the Registrar General of the Punjab and Haryana HC in the committee.

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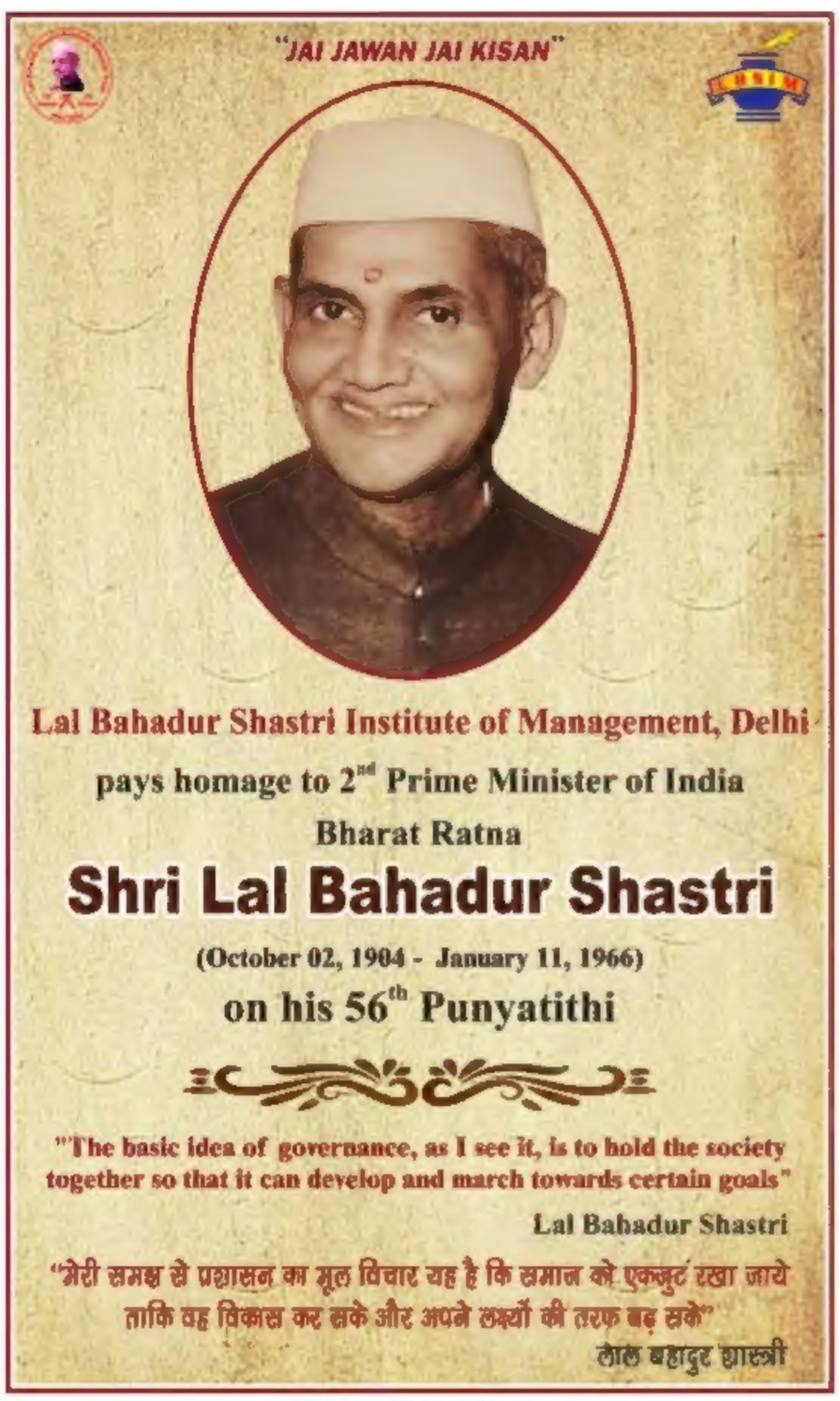
Noted Kannada writer Champa passes away

ENS @ Bengaluru

WELL-known Kannada poet, critic and writer Professor **Chandrashekar Patil** (82), popularly known as Champa, passed away at a private hospital in Bengaluru on Monday.

Professor Champa, who was in the forefront of the fight for the implementation of Kannada as medium of instruction in primary schools, had been ailing from some time now and is survived by his wife, daughter and son.

The mortal remains were kept at the Kannada Sahithya Parishat for some time for the public to pay their last respects and the last rites were conducted later with state honours at the burial ground in Chamarajapet on Monday. Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, former CM B S Yediyurappa and others have condoled Champa's death. P4


"JAI JAWAN JAI KISAN"
Lal Bahadur Shastri Institute of Management, Delhi
pays homage to 2nd Prime Minister of India
Bharat Ratna
Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri
(October 02, 1904 - January 11, 1966)
on his 56th Punyatithi
"The basic idea of governance, as I see it, is to hold the society together so that it can develop and march towards certain goals"
Lal Bahadur Shastri
"मेरी समझ से प्रशासन का मूल विचार यह है कि समाज को एकजुट रखा जाये ताकि वह विकास कर सके और अपने लक्ष्यों की तरफ बढ़ सके"
लाल बहादुर शास्त्री

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav
Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports and Department of Higher Education
Sri Narendra Modi
Hon'ble Prime Minister of India
Sri Basavaraj S. Bommai
Hon'ble Chief Minister
150th Birth Anniversary Celebrations of Swami Vivekananda
and as part of Azaadi ka Amritha Mahotsava, for the first time in the State,
State Yuva Sapthaha – 2022
From 12th January to 19th January
Inauguration: 12.01.2022 at 5.30 PM Venue: Banquet Hall, Vidhana Soudha.
Under the leadership of Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports in association with the co-operation of various other Departments, various programmes are being organized that would benefit the youth community including school-college students for one week from the State Level to Village Level. This Seven Day Programme will reach around 2 crore youth across the State
"Arise, awake and stop not till the goal is reached" – Swami Vivekananda
YUVA HELPLINE 155263
Dr. K.C. Narayanagowda, Hon'ble Minister for Youth Empowerment and Sports along with Dr. Ashwath Narayan. C.N, Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education launching the Youth Helpline.
January 12: 'Yuva Sansad' in all schools and colleges, Yuva 'Grama Sabhe' & Yuva ward Sabhe'
January 13: Programmes on Teachings and Principles of Swami Vivekananda
January 14: Health and Nutrition Camp, Awareness among Youth on Road Safety
January 15: Local Rural Sports Festival
January 16: Awareness on prevention of Drug Addiction, Atrocities on Women and Cyber Crimes
January 17: Awareness of the Legal Help Services among Youth
January 18: Training on Solid Waste Management Technology, Development of Entrepreneurship and Skill Development
As part of the Yuva Sapthaha from 12th January to 18th January, various programmes like Yuva 'Grama Sabhe' & Yuva ward Sabhe' 'Yuva Sansad', Teachings and Principles of Swami Vivekananda, including cultural and Awareness Building programmes are being organized. Each day will have a different programme. Information on around 540 Schemes of the Government for the youth will be given to create awareness among the youth.
Participate in 'Yuva Sansad', 'Grama Sabhe' and make State Yuva Sapthaha a Success
Dr. H.N. Gopalakrishna, IAS Commissioner, Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports
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